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SUBJ: DEPUTIES CRITICIZE PRO-JUNTA DIPLOMATS

1. FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS WAS QUESTIONED BY OPPOSITION DEPUTIES FROM CU/NF AND PASOK IN THE PARLIAMENT ON JUNE 13 REGARDING DIPLOMATS WHO HAD SHOWN PRO-JUNTA SYMPATHIES. BITSIOS ADMITTED THAT THE MINISTRY'S DISCIPLINARY COUNCIL, WHICH HAD REVIEWED THE FILES ON DIPLOMATS SO ACCUSED, HAD PRODUCED A SUPERFICIAL STUDY AND THAT THE SENTENCES HANDED DOWN WERE EXCESSIVELY LIGHT. HE ADDED THAT HE COULD NOT DENY THAT SOME DIPLOMATS HAD EXCEEDED THEIR LEGALLY REQUIRED DUTIES IN THEIR DEFENSE OF THE JUNTA DURING THE PERIOD OF MILITARY DICTATORSHIP.

2. DURING THE COURSE OF LENGTHY QUESTIONING, BITSIOS REMARKED THAT THE DEPUTIES MAKING THE QUERIES HAD ACKNOWLEDGED EARLIER THAT THE NUMBER OF DIPLOMATS WHO DID NOT PERFORM THEIR DUTIES CORRECTLY DURING THE DICTATORSHIP WAS SMALL. IN RESPONSE TO A PERSONAL ATTACK AGAINST HIM BY PASOK DEPUTY HARALAMBOPOULOS, HE ADDED THAT HE PERSONALLY REMAINED FAITHFUL TO HIS DUTIES AND NEVER SUPPORTED PRO-JUNTA

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ISSUES BEFORE THE UN, AS HE WAS ALLEGED TO HAVE DONE.

3. ON A SEPARATE MATTER, FM BITSIOS STATED THAT AT THE  
DIRECPON OF THE PRIME MINISTER HE IS ALREADY PREPARING A  
REORGANIZATION PLAN TO MODERNIZE THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.  
(NOTE: EMBASSY'S FEELING DURING 7-YEAR JUNTA PERIOD WAS  
THAT MILITARY RULERS OFTEN DISTRUSTED GREECE'S CAREER  
DIPLOMATS, MANY OF WHOM WERE OUTSPOKENLY CRITICAL OF THE  
REGIME. DIPLOMATS PROBABLY REPRESENTED A HIGHER PERCENTAGE  
OF VISIBLY DISAFFECTED CIVIL SERVANTS THAN THOSE IN OTHER  
MINISTRIES.)  
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